

This is the border of  
Newark Ladies from you -

Your very kind & welcome letter  
was read by our Society with the liveliest  
interest - It has remained thus long un-  
answered only because we have been de-  
stitute of an opportunity - I saw the  
earliest opportunity - by the direction  
of the Soc - to convey to you their con-  
densed greeting - the assurance of sym-  
pathy - & interest - was rejoiced to learn  
that your attention like our own  
has been providentially drawn to the  
consideration of ~~the~~ <sup>great truths to</sup>  
~~obtain the benefit of which we have assigned~~  
~~ourselves - as people's Douctes~~ <sup>ourselves</sup> - as people's Douctes

The sympathy of Christian friends  
is peculiarly salubrious to us as we  
are engaged in our labours in a field  
which promises indeed a glorious harvest  
but where the labourers - seem few - &  
where we daily discern difficulties &  
obstacles - whose <sup>extent</sup> ~~extent~~ we can but  
imperfectly appreciate -  
we have been <sup>generally</sup> ~~generally~~ educated to think that  
war was frequently justifiable sometimes  
honourable & praiseworthy - & when we have

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truth - Revelation does not leave  
us to grope our way among the salutes  
of human reason - the Gospel  
of Christ is sufficient for us & its  
words of power - ~~we~~ think peace to  
our hearts - These oracles of God command  
us to love our enemies - to do good to  
those who despitefully use & persecute us  
- Do Resist - not evil - & this truth is  
the only hope pointed out in which  
we may lawfully engage - We must  
indeed overcome evil - but with the presence  
& omnipotence of God - we come evil with  
good - The Spirit of the Gospel of peace  
~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> he found at variance with our long  
cherished associations & opinions -

A little reflection convinced us of the  
utter sinfulness - the abominable wicked-  
ness of war - he saw that it brought  
in its train all other sins - that it ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~source~~ <sup>source</sup>  
of selfishness, of pride & vain glory. That it was  
only evil & that continually - its gay &  
deceitful mask ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~revealed~~ <sup>revealed</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup>  
~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> ~~deformed~~ <sup>deformed</sup> & he saw as first

the question then arose what in our duty  
in view of this great & world shadowing evil  
- we thought that it distinctly was to promote  
~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> ~~views~~ <sup>views</sup> - believing that we have  
no right to withhold from others any good we  
~~may~~ <sup>may</sup> ~~do~~ <sup>do</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> - ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~themselves~~ <sup>themselves</sup> ~~obtained~~ <sup>obtained</sup>  
to do this more of their own will <sup>to enable</sup>

